

Add the following phrase at page 1 after paragraph [002] and before paragraph [003]:

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-- Summary --

Amend paragraph [013] starting at page 4, line 6, to read as follows:

[013] In an optional aspect, the product application device may comprise a receptacle having a variable inside volume configured to contain product, an applicator element, and a dip tube configured to extend to the bottom of the receptacle. The device may further comprise a first portion and a second portion configured to cooperate together to define a substantially leak-proof enclosure for the applicator element. Optionally, at least one of the first portion and a second portion may comprise a sealing skirt. The dip tube may also be configured to enable the enclosure to be in flow communication with product flowing from the receptacle. --

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[ ] Amend paragraph [014] starting at page 4, line 13, to read as follows: ]

-- [014] In one aspect, the first portion may comprise a housing for receiving at least part of the application element, and the second portion may comprise a closure element configured to close the housing. At least one of the closure element and the housing may define a removable unit configured to be associated with the receptacle to fill the unit with the product, and an applicator element may be received within the removable unit. The housing may define a body and the closure element may define a handle. The body and the handle may cooperate to define an inside space in which the applicator element may be contained. --

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[ Amend paragraph [015] starting at page 4, line 16, to read as follows: ]

-- [015] According to another optional aspect, the first and second portions may cooperate to define a removable unit. The device may also comprise a third portion located on the receptacle, wherein the removable unit may be configured to be removably associated with (e.g., received by) the third portion. In addition, the dip tube may be connected to the third portion. --

[ Amend paragraph [016] starting at page 4, line 21, to read as follows: ]

-- [016] In an optional aspect, the device may further comprise a closure element for closing the third portion when the removable unit is not associated with (e.g., not received by) the third portion. This third portion may be configured to be in flow communication with the variable inside volume via the dip tube. The third portion may optionally comprise a sleeve having an open end through which at least a part of the removable unit passes and another end placed in flow communication with the variable inside volume via the dip tube. In an alternative aspect, the third portion may comprise a protrusion for mating with a mating opening located at an end of the removable unit. --

Amend paragraph [027] starting at page 7, line 5, to read as follows:

[--] [027] The handle and the body of the removable unit may co-operate (e.g., be connected), for example, by screw fastening. In addition, at least one of the handle and the body of the removable unit may include a sealing skirt. --

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Add the following phrase at page 8 after paragraph [035] and before paragraph

[036]:

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-- Brief Description of the Drawings --

Add the following at page 8, after paragraph [037] and before page 9, paragraph

[038]:

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-- Fig. 1A is a cross-sectional view of an embodiment of an applicator formed of form material; --

Add the following phrase at page 9 after paragraph [044] and before paragraph

[045]:

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-- Detailed Description --

Amend paragraph [046] starting at page 9, line 18, to read as follows:

*[046]* [046] Fig. 1 shows a packaging and applicator device 1 of the invention,

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comprising a receptacle 2 having a tubular wall 2a about an axis X and a bottom end wall 2b. The tubular wall 2a may be made of flexible material so as to be elastically deformable. It is thus possible to reduce the inside volume of the receptacle 2 by squeezing the tubular wall, e.g. between finger and thumb, as shown schematically at 2a'. --

*[047]* Amend paragraph [047] bridging page 9 and 10 to read as follows:

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-- [047] The receptacle 2 may contain a product P, e.g. a liquid having very low viscosity such as a perfume. The top of the receptacle 2 has a neck 5 defining a housing 7 for receiving an applicator element 10. The applicator element 10 is secured to a handle 11 that also constitutes a cap for substantially closing the neck 5. In an exemplary embodiment, the applicator element 10' comprises a foam material, as shown in Fig. 1A. --

[ ] Amend paragraph [048] starting at page 10, line 4, to read as follows:

-- [048] The handle 11 (e.g., closure element, second portion, etc.) has a sealing skirt 12 suitable for bearing in substantially leak-proof manner against the inside surface of the neck 5 (e.g., first portion), thereby closing the housing 7 in a substantially leak-proof manner when the applicator element 10 is received at least partially in the housing 7. The handle 11 also has an outer skirt 13 provided with a thread suitable for screwing onto a complementary thread formed on the outside surface of the neck 5. --

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[ ] Amend paragraph [050] starting at page 10, line 12, to read as follows:

[--] [ ] [050] In the example of Fig. 1, a substantial portion of the bottom surface of the applicator element 10 comes in contact with the end wall 20. To use the device 1 with the receptacle in a head-up position, the user may squeeze the tubular wall, as shown at 2a', so as to reduce the variable inside volume of the receptacle 2 from a first volume to a second volume smaller than the first volume, wherein the reduction from the first volume to the second volume generates pressure inside the receptacle for causing product P to penetrate (e.g., flow) into the housing 7 via the dip tube 22. --

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Amend paragraph [057] starting at page 11, line 22, to read as follows:

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[--] [057] It would not go beyond the ambit of the present invention, however, for the applicator element to remain secured to the receptacle. By way of example, Fig. 7 shows a device 50 comprising a receptacle 51 having a compressible wall 53 and provided at its top end with a neck 52 on which a support 55 is fixed by snap fastening.--

Amend paragraph [060] starting at page 12, line 16, to read as follows:

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[--] [060] The applicator element according to any of the embodiments disclosed herein may form part of a removable unit, suitable for being refilled periodically by means of a receptacle provided with a neck and a dip tube like those described above. For example, at least one of a closure element (e.g., a handle) and a housing (e.g., a body) may define a removable unit (e.g., within which the applicator element may be received) configured to be associated with the receptacle to fill the unit with product. Figs. 8 and 9 show such a removable unit 85. The unit is intended to be refilled by means of a receptacle 71 having a compressible wall, and having a neck 72 in which a portion 73 (e.g., insert, sleeve, third portion, etc.) is fixed to define a space suitable for removably receiving at least part of the removable unit 85 when it is to be refilled. --

*A* [Amend paragraph [061] starting at page 12, line 23, to read as follows:]

-- [061] The insert 73 has a hinged lid 75 (e.g., second closure element) secured thereto for the purpose of closing the space 74 (e.g., portion, insert, etc.) when the removable unit 85 is absent (e.g., is not received by the portion). The end wall 76 of the

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insert 73 (e.g., sleeve) has an end-piece 77 for fixing a dip tube 78. An annular setback 81 is formed in the end wall 76.--

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[ Amend paragraph [062] starting at page 13, line 3, to read as follows: ]

-- [062] The removable unit 85 comprises a bottom portion 86 defining a housing (e.g., body) for receiving at least a part of an applicator element 106 and a top portion 87 (e.g., closure element, handle, etc.) that are assembled (e.g., connected) together by screw fastening. The bottom portion 86 and the top portion 87 cooperate to define an inside space (e.g., an enclosure) in which the applicator element 106 may be contained. The removable unit 85 houses the applicator element 106 that may be fixed to one end of an assembly skirt 105 of the top portion 87. The applicator element 106 and the top portion 87 may constitute an applicator member that can be separated from the bottom portion 86, for example, at the time of application. The top portion 87 may then serve as a handle.--

[ Amend paragraph [063] starting at page 13, line 9, to read as follows: ]

-- [063] At least one of the top portion 87 (e.g., closure element, handle, second portion, etc.) and the bottom portion 86 (e.g., body, first portion, etc.) of the removable unit 85 has a sealing skirt 100 suitable for bearing in a substantially leak-proof manner against the bottom portion 86 when the removable unit is closed, as shown in Fig. 9. The bottom portion 86 has an end wall 91 pierced in its center by an orifice 89. An annular lip 88 extends downwards around the orifice 89 so as to bear in a substantially leak-proof manner against the inside edge of the annular setback 81 of the end wall 76,

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thus enabling a substantially leak-proof communication between the end-piece 77 and the orifice 89. --

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[ Amend paragraph [064] starting at page 13, line 19, to read as follows: ]

-- [064] A check valve 90 made of, for example, an elastomer material overmolded on the end wall 91 enables the orifice 89 to be substantially closed when, for example, the removable unit 85 is not being refilled. The check valve 90 comprises a central portion forming a shutter that is connected by bridges 96 of elastically deformable material to a peripheral portion 97 that is secured to the end wall 91. --

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[ Amend paragraph [069] starting at page 14, line 22, to read as follows: ]

-- [069] Fig. 12 shows an example of a removable unit 230 having a feature whereby it includes an application element 231 that is carried by an element 232 connected via a film hinge 233 to a body 234 of the removable unit. The body 234 defines a cavity 235, for example, a generally concave cavity. The cavity 235 may be configured for receiving the element 231 when the lid 232 is in place on the body 234 to substantially close the cavity 235. By way of example, the lid 232 may include a sealing lip 236 suitable for pressing in a substantially leak-proof manner against the body 234. The wall 239 defining the bottom of the cavity 235 may define an orifice 237 that is suitable as a mating opening for mating with a portion of a receptacle. While the removable unit 230 is not being filled with product, the orifice 237 may be substantially closed, for example, by a check valve 238. --

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